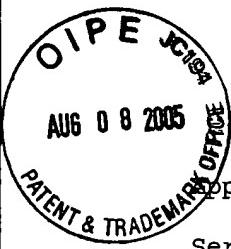


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2005 for one(1) month(s) from July 24, 2005 to August 24, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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